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FROM COMMERCE.

John Goodin and J. B. Stubblefield were over Sunday.

Wade and Norval Anderson and Albert Ellis went to Illinois Sunday. Miss Estelle Brown, of Thebes and Mr. John Bacon, of Anna, Ill., were among the passengers on the Cherokee Tuesday.

The Anchor Line steamer, City of St. Louis, came down Sunday evening with about one hundred excursionists on board. She carried an excellent orchestra and one of the swiftest crowds of people that have been seen here for some time. They were bound for Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

The daughter of Mrs. Ann Berry, living about seven miles below here, was buried here Sunday.

John Ledore went to St. Louis Saturday with some stock. He returned Tuesday.

Miss Fannie Anderson went to the Cape Tuesday on the Cherokee.

Some of our young people have invitations to a Leap Year ball at New Madrid.

Benny Anderson is visiting relatives in Sikeston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Old left last week on a visit to Mr. Old's old home. They went via St. Louis and took their little son, Claude, to a St. Louis specialist.

Another Telephone Line.

Matthews, Stubblefield & Co., are making arrangements to run a telephone line from Oran to the Newsboy office to connect with the network of wires already in the county. The Newsboy office will be central, and a switch-board will be put in to connect the different wires at any time desired, so that a person at any of the stations can talk direct to a party at any other station. This system will connect Commerce, Benton, New Hamburg, Kelso, Oran, Morley, McMullin's, John Marshall's, Sam Marshall's and Sikeston. It is believed Blodgett will connect later on.

Three Score Years and Ten.

Uncle Tommy Howell, of Sandyland township was in to see the editor last Friday. He denies the rumor that he is going to move to Howell county. He says he spent the last summer at Siloam Springs and has rented his farm so that he can go again next season. The springs are beneficial to his health and he is quite sprightly for a man who has passed the three score years and ten mark. He has lived on the present place, southeast of Blodgett, for twenty-five years. He is a good citizen and we are pleased to know that he does not intend to abandon Scott county as his home.

Whittled on a Negro.

News has just reached Benton that Wm. Seattle and Enos Vender are under arrest charged with the cutting of a negro in the employ of J. B. Greer. The trouble was over a cock fight. The negro was considerably cut under the arm and across the face, but is not considered in any danger. The trouble was in Sikeston. It is said that Vender did the cutting.

Fires in the Southeast.

Several fires broke out in the southeast on Wednesday morning, and in some cases were destroying every thing on the north side of the river. One fire broke out in the brick block owned by Geo. Weill's brick block. It was a small fire and was quickly extinguished. Another fire broke out in the brick block of H. E. Muel. It was a small fire and was quickly extinguished. A third fire broke out in the brick block of J. B. Greer. It was a small fire and was quickly extinguished.

County Court Proceedings.

Albert DeRaign, repairs on office, \$15.

In the matter of commissioner on N. A. Utterback, et al road—commissioner's report filed and approved and Wm. Hunter allowed \$90 damages.

J. T. Marrs, J. J. Miller and W. E. Watson, commissioners, allowed \$2 each.

Const. Grojean allowed \$9 for bridge lumber.

Nick Daunenmueller allowed \$12.50 for bridge lumber.

Dramshop license granted E. A. Johnson, at Commerce—State license, \$50, county \$250.

R. & T. A. Ennis allowed \$5.50 collector's stationery.

Geo. D. Barnard allowed \$19.60 county clerk's stationery.

H. L. Yeakey allowed \$6.45, work on public well.

C. C. Halstead allowed \$5.25 for painting 21 sign boards.

Dramshop license granted J. F. Ashley, at Oran.

F. E. Diebold and Jas. McCormick, commissioners, report filed.

A. W. Fizer, commiss'oner, allowed \$75.

Costs of inquest of holding over body of R. E. Evans, Jr. audited and allowed \$29.10.

J. F. Evans allowed \$3.70 for lumber, etc., for roads.

Martin Bohnhardt allowed \$32.75 for sewer pipes for road.

F. M. Reeves, commissioner, allowed \$40.

Friend, McMullin & Co. allowed \$75.75 for bridge lumber.

In the matter of public road Tanner, et al—commissioner's report filed and approved.

In the matter of change of road, T. B. C. Turm—petition filed and county surveyor ordered to survey at expense of plaintiff.

R. L. Harrison allowed \$28.50 county surveyor's fee.

Matthews, Stubblefield & Co. allowed \$70.25 road goods.

S. J. Wade, county physician, allowed \$17.50.

Reports of J. W. Halley and E. L. Dodson, justices of the peace, filed.

Wm. Black, superintendent of poor farm allowed \$229.90.

\$168 appropriated to be used on public road leading from Commerce to Cape Girardeau, known as the River road. Thos. Matthews appointed commissioner.

4 days labor required for 1896 or \$1 per day; road overseer \$1.50 per day, for team and driver \$2.00.

M. G. B. Stubblefield, circuit clerk, filed quarterly abstract of fees collected.

Jas. McPheeters filed abstract of fees.

Fridolin Glastetter, deceased, will probated.

M. Arnold relieved of erroneous assessment on n w ne 14-25-13 for 1895, same assessed \$900 when should have been \$90. Collector to receive credit on valuation of \$810.

Andrew Schoen, J. R. Deaton and Jno. Eilfert, justices of the peace, reports filed.

Dramshop petition of J. G. Scherer filed and license granted.

The following are the overseers appointed: Lilburn Greer, W. P. Claypool, Jas. R. Bugz, Josh Mason, Wm. M. Jeffords, Max Oster, N. F. Townes, John Brider, Jas. F. Norrid, Jos. Utage, Henry Head, W. R. Beardslee, B. C. Swan, Casper Eilfert, Geo. Reingole.

\$21 appropriated on Oran and Hamburg road.

Jas. Norrid ordered to repair Benton and Bryant hill.

Fines for Sale or Trade.

Young Sam Lasso is for sale on 1/2 of a cow Jack, well made, 1 year old, and a cow, fine, for particulars apply to A. W. Dickerson, New Hamburg, Mo.

SOUTHEAST NOTES.

Miss Daisy Randol, daughter of Jos. B. Randol, formerly of Sikeston, is receiving considerable notoriety over in Stoddard county. It seems that some parties have assailed her character and now the father is straightening things out by having cards published in the newspapers over the signatures of the best people of this and Stoddard counties. The Randol family was classed among the best in this county, but we believe that all would have ended more satisfactorily had the matter been kept out of the newspapers.

Dunklin Democrat: A man committed suicide in St. Louis this week rather than starve. He was educated, a druggist, and was a son of Dr. Goodyear, once mayor of Memphis. He had pawned everything he owned, even to his wife's shoes. And this in a civilized country, in a city known for its charity, in a solid mercantile metropolis. Something wrong.

Dunklin Democrat: One Dunklin county real estate man, Judge Baldwin, in 1895, sold 100 forty-acre tracts of land, nearly every one of them who are opening out new farms or old ones who are increasing steadily; and yet there is no boom. A healthy steady growth is what we want, and that is what we are getting.

Southeast Gleanings is the name of a new publication at Centerville, Guy R. McHenry editor. The intention of the publication is to print the news from all the Southeast counties and to advertise this section. We fear Bro. Mc has "bit off more than he can chew."

A Perry county roller mill presented the editor of the Perryville Sun with one hundred pounds of flour. Gee-whiz! Down here the mills won't even credit an editor for flour consequently they feed on shorts.

Fred Kage is in the field as a Republican candidate for sheriff of Cape Girardeau county. If a Republican must fill the office, Cape county has no better material than Mr. Kage.

A telephone exchange is among the probabilities of the near future at Cape Girardeau. A petition asking a franchise has already been presented to the city council.

The Southeast Missourian contained sixteen columns of home reading last week—and all good reading at that. The paper seems to be "climbing up the golden stairs."

Messrs. Henson & Pratt who have been engaged in the brick business at Sikeston for several years, have leased ground and will make brick at New Madrid.

Bro. Thrower, of the Dexter Democrat, is being "mentioned" as a candidate to represent this congressional district at the National Democratic convention.

Owing to the mild winter and the consequent scarcity of ice in this section, the Cape Brewery and Ice Co. will put in another ice plant in the spring.

The body of Edward N. Clarke, the Normal student who has been missing for some time was found in the river at the Cape.

A law suit between father and son was one of the novelties of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas last week.

The Eagle Packet Co. will put in two boats to run from St. Louis to Commerce this season, so rumors say. Cape Girardeau should sprinkle her streets this summer. That town is wealthy and can well afford it.

The Drullinger hotel, at New Madrid, was destroyed by fire last week. Loss estimated at \$4,000.

New Madrid has quarantined against Pt. Pleasant and the lower part of that county.

G. H. Dickerson, of Harrell, committed suicide last week.

A professional hair dresser has located at Poplar Bluff.

FROM SANDYWOODS.

The fine weather of the present week causes our neighbors to appear more cheerful and the familiar sound of the maul is heard in the distance. Health is improving somewhat. Uncle George Guthrie is improving as is also Richard Strayhorn.

Mr. George Moore and Miss May Guthrie were married Sunday morning—Rev. P. N. Smith officiating. The congratulations of the community are extended.

Robt. Ross has taken up his abode among us and we welcome him into the community.

A social given at the residence of W. A. Miller recently was largely attended and all had a good time.

While the law makers are trying to devise some means by which a farmer may be benefitted, they might do us a good turn by passing a law to compel all owners of stock to record their "marks" and "brands" in the recorder's office of a county. In this way, when an animal has strayed, or is taken up, the records could be consulted and the owner located.

We have a ready market for chickens, ducks, turkeys, and eggs since E. Daugherty, of Morley, has put a huxter wagon on the road. RAX.

Extension of the H. M. & A.

It is now pretty certain that the Peavine route will be extended beyond Morley this Spring. The route southwest from Morley has not yet been determined upon, but the chances seem to favor Moorehouse.

A route was recently outlined by the Newsboy which was based upon pretty good authority, viz: from Morley southwestward into the Little River bottom to within about four miles of Sikeston, thence curve to the west to Moorehouse. We have it pretty straight that the Himmelberger company has agreed to take bonds amounting to \$20,000 and give the right of way over all their possessions.

In a recent interview with Mr. Houck we asked why he did not build to Sikeston. He replied, in substance, "What inducements have the Sikeston people to offer? A railroad must go where it can get something to haul. Around Sikeston the land is all cleared and there would be little else than grain to ship. For this we would have to compete with the Iron-Mountain and there would be a cutting and slashing of rates. By going through the timbered country we would get to handle all the timber, which would give us a paying business for years. After the timber is all gone good farms would be cleared up, the road would be extended on and we would have no trouble in getting freight. The people of Sikeston have offered me no inducement."

We do not claim to quote Mr. Houck properly, but we are only giving the substance as we can remember it. There is usually so much talk about the building of railroads that we did not consider the conversation of much consequence at the time, but since Mr. Houck was himself here last week on business connected with the proposed extension, and since Supt. Crowder left for St. Louis last Tuesday on railroad business, we give it to our readers with the assurance that there is something in it.

Benton Has a Chain Gang.

Last week the county court bought the balls and chains from the village of Benton and this week the prisoners who are serving time for petty offenses were out working the road. A chain gang in a country town is somewhat of a novelty.

For Sale.

A three-room dwelling at Kelso. Size of lot is 64 x 177. For further information apply to J. H. Blatte, Kelso, Mo.

FROM BLODGETT.

The Congleton House has a new edition of cooks. Times may be hard, but the landlady says she don't hardly have time to attend church any more.

Blodgett Lodge, A. O. U. W., initiated four new members last Saturday night viz: E. C. Myers, W. J. Rodgers, G. W. Lemley and S. H. Reames. Four members of the Benton Lodge were present: Judge Leedy, Ab. Nations, Geo. Clow and Jno. Venable. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition. There are three more candidates to be initiated next Lodge night. J. T. Marrs was elected delegate to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge will shortly give an entertainment of an interesting description.

Hall & Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 320 Olive street, St. Louis. S. P. Marshall and Miss Lizzie Batty drove over to Richwoods last Sunday evening.

We understand that Mrs. Mollie Adams will open a millinery establishment in the near future where the ladies may find the latest style to their heart's content.

The protracted meeting is still in progress and is meeting with some success.

C. F. Bonnefon, of Benton, bought the saloon fixtures of the late M. G. Adams at public sale last Saturday and is engaged in transporting the same to Benton this week.

Miss Pearl Peal is convalescent from an acute attack of pneumonia.

J. T. Marrs is in St. Louis this week attending the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., to which he is a delegate.

C. C. Halstead is building an addition to his house this week.

J. M. Adams and Col. Smythe, of the Mosler Safe Co., swung around a circle last week, taking in Blodgett, Sikeston, Morley, Oran, Cape Girardeau, Commerce and Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Adams, of Benton were visiting relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. G. W. Austin is very sick with pneumonia and at present is in a dangerous condition.

Col. Fulcher and his force recently set out some steel traps along the glade near their home, naturally expecting to reap a reasonable revenue from the pelts of coons, minks, etc., as might be indiscreet enough as to "put their feet into it" literally speaking. Up to date they have harvested two rabbits and a mouse, which leads to the thought "that where the hen scratches, there will be the worm also," being considered slightly incorrect. CHARMALIER.

Nine Prisoners in Jail.

Nine prisoners are now in our little jail and more are trying to break in. Recently some beer was put off at the depot for Mr. Bonnefon and when he wanted to haul it off he discovered that one keg was missing.

Kalis Daily and Frank Smith lived in the same house on Treasurer Lambert's place until last week, when a family row separated the families and caused the beer episode to leak out. Daily and Smith were arrested and taken before Squire Deaton, where they pleaded guilty and got fourteen days each. Daily also admitted stealing an ax from Jos. Portis and got an additional ten days.

Flour and other articles have been missing from the depot and it is presumed that these parties got it.

Wednesday Marshal Geo. White, of Oran, brought to the jail W. H. McFarland, charged with stealing two overcoats and two dress coats from the Dirnberger Hotel, at Oran. One overcoat and one dress coat had been pawned at the saloon at Morley for drinks before he was arrested by Sheriff Batts. His trial is set for next Tuesday before Judge Nims.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

J. P. Westrich and L. Bucher took a trip to the Sandylands to buy milch cows.

Father Scherer was called to Oran Thursday afternoon to Rev. Koob, who had the misfortune of falling and receiving internal injuries.

Rev. Klein, of Kelso, passed through our town Friday en route to Oran.

Adam Dirnberger was in Cape county Friday returning with a fine cow.

Wendelin Scherer was at Oran Saturday.

Frank Bles was at the Cape Friday. Louis Bucher was at Commerce Monday in the interest of A. W. Dirnberger.

Simon Reiminger is suffering with la grippe at this writing.

Miss Bertha Grojean departed last Monday for the Cape, where she will sojourn for some time.

Chas. Klumpp was at Oran Tuesday.

Mike Gosche was under the weather a few days this week, but is now improving.

Wendelin Scherer will in the near future operate his saw mill, as several new buildings will be erected here this summer. The material will nearly all be saved by him.

Anton Glastetter took a trip to the county capital Tuesday.

Thrashing Stock Peas.

For many years the pea industry in Scott county has been a matter of no small proportions. Stock peas are always in demand at a fair price and the pea hay is excellent for stock. The only trouble has been the slow process by which the peas were gathered and hulled.

Last Wednesday as we were passing along the south side of the court square J. W. Farris, of Morley, approached us with "Phil, as soon as the weather gets a little better I am going to take you down and let you see us thresh peas."

"Thresh peas!" answered the astonished editor, "where are you threshing peas?"

"Down on the Harbison place. I want to take you down and show you how we do it. The machine threshes out the peas and then bales the hay behind it."

"Is that where Jim McPheeters and Marsh Arnold went Monday?"

"Yes; I drove them down."

"Well, I certainly want to see the machine. Whose invention is it?"

"Myself and my cousin, Mr. Cook. We have been at work on it for three years."

"How many bushels can you thresh in a day?"

"The most we have threshed so far is 130 bushels."

"That solves the problem; I want to see it work and will be glad to go down the first nice day," and the editor walked on.

Such an invention is certainly of inestimable benefit to this section of the state. The soil of the melon districts is especially adapted to pea raising and peas bring something like one dollar per bushel—but the time and trouble of hulling them by hand makes the profit very small. If they can be hulled by machine, then the pea industry has a bright future.

Genuine Georgia Melon Seeds.

Superintendent Crowder, of the Peavine, says he is making arrangements to secure a quantity of genuine Georgia melon seeds to distribute among the melon growers along his line. He says that melons grown from these seeds will bring a better price upon the market and will prove more profitable to the grower. Having lived in Georgia, Mr. Crowder knows how to go about getting the genuine article.

FROM MORLEY.

Everything is quiet in this part of the moral vineyard and the general condition of everything is improving. Health is better, the sun shines brighter and our credit is weaker than it ever was before. This suggests that the editor might appreciate a poem, viz:

"How dear to my heart is cash on subscription.

When the gentle subscriber presents it to view; But the man who don't pay we refrain from description. For, perhaps, gentle reader, that man might be you."

By-the-way, there was a west end sensation here the other day caused by the absence of some bed clothing. A search high and low failed to throw any light on the missing articles until a little five year old girl chimed in with, "I know where they's at; papa got 'em."

"What do you mean?" interrupted her mother.

"I mean 'at papa got 'em. I heard the folks next door say they saw him with three sheets in the wind."

Mabel, little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Tomlinson, is quite sick.

ALL SORTS.

In another column in this paper appears an account from a Cairo paper of the sudden disappearance of Will Gassaway, a Scott county boy who is well known to our people and whose home is at Oran. While here he seemed to conduct himself so as to merit the respect of the people, but assumed an air of self-importance that does not always pan out well.

Good clover and timothy hay for sale by Chas. Profit, Benton, Mo., on the Vincent Heisler farm.

As may be noticed from the proceedings published in this issue, the county court has reduced the salary of road overseers to \$1.50 per day, while it has raised the tax to four days labor or four dollars—or twenty bushels of corn, shelled, sacked and delivered.

Baled timothy hay for sale. Apply to Miller & Bollinger, Benton, Missouri.

Luke Russell went to St. Louis on the through freight Tuesday night with a car load of stock belonging to Jas. Walker. Attorney Kingsbury and Prof. Goodin accompanied him as far as Morley to see that he got off all right.

Baled timothy hay for sale. Fifty cents per hundred. Apply to Joe Ellis, on the B. B. Gaither farm, Commerce, Mo.

The "No Name Pleasure Club" composed of the young ladies of Benton, seems to be strictly in it. There are to have a mask ball at the residence of W. H. Heisler Monday evening.

Prof. Goodin, Luke Russell, E. Bonnefon, Rube Matthews and Beach Stubblefield went over to the river Sunday, while the burden of entertaining the home girls was saddled upon Attorney Kingsbury, and Dr. Wade.

John Nolde, the popular Salesman for the Schumacher Cigar Co., was here Saturday. He has a good trick in Scott county and the natives all smoke the sensation.

The Royal farm was sold at trust deed last Saturday. V. Heisler and Judge Marshall the principal bidders—Mr. Heisler getting the place for \$2,031.

Robt. Stubblefield returned Blodgett Monday morning and is pleased by his better half.

The rain of Wednesday and snow of Thursday made it disagreeable.

W. A. Ward was in Tuesday to see the light.

Judge Leedy was in this week.

J. J. Hunsat of Morley, Thursday.

Elmer Miller was in Friday.